SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 14, as follows:

The director at step 304 might employ different load-balancing algorithms known in the art. For example, two load-balancing algorithms are as follows. The first load-balancing algorithm allocates based on the call-context amount per CPU, where the law of large numbers results in an averaging of the load imposed by individual users. This first load-balancing algorithm keeps track how many calls are currently processed on each blade (e.g., either by intercepting call-setup/call-release messages or by periodic polling of all CPUs/blades). The algorithm determines the average number of calls per CPU (= total calls / CPUs), ~~andthis~~ and this average number is weighted by the total call capacity of the CPU. The CPU with the least weighted calls is then selected. Because the number of calls in the system is high (several thousand), the system load imposed by the calls ~~average~~ averages out.